

CHAPTER

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Hinowa ga CRUSH!

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Was
developed
island to
the east—
Wakoku



Here,
twenty-four
countries
traversed the
land, vying
for rulership



In this
chaotic
world...



...the
young
pride with
ambition
in their
hearts.



For a
century, the
strong have
been preying
on the
weak—the
medieval age
of civil war.



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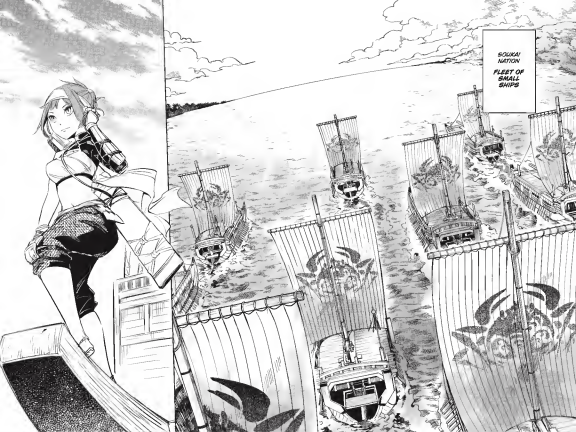
THE BATTLE OF RYUUMON CASTLE

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Hinowa ga **CRUSH!**





SOUKAI
NATION
FLEET OF
SMALL
SHIPS



THANKS
FOR THE
WARNING,
GUYS!



GET AWAY
FROM THE
WATER!
THERE ARE
MONSTERS
IN THESE
PARTS!

HEY,
YOU
OVER
THERE!
MIRRY!



YOU
TRYING
TO GET
YOURSELF
KILLED
BEFORE THE
BATTLE
EVEN
STARTS?



ALL OF
US ON
HER SHIP
ARE OKAY
WITH IT!

BUT
SHE'LL BE
FINE. OUR
CAPTAIN'S
DOING
THIS ON
PURPOSE.



FUMU!



THERE
ARE
CREATURES
OF THE
DEEP HERE!
REAL MON-
STERS!

ARE YOU
CRAZY?



WATER
OUTSIDE



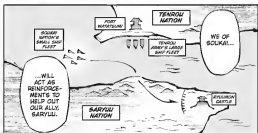














LET'S
MAKE
THOSE
DOGS
UNDER-
STAND
THAT.



AND
WHEN IT
COMES TO
HANDLING
SHIPS,
NOBODY
BEATS
SOUKAI!

THIS
BATTLE
WILL BE
ON THE
WATER.



CAPTAIN!
ARE YOU
AIMING FOR
ANOTHER
BIG
FEAT?



I HAVE
MY EYE
ON THE
COMMAN-
DER'S
HEAD.

OF
COURSE.



RIGHT NOW,
I MAY ONLY
BE THE
CAPTAIN OF
THIRTY MEN,
BUT...



SHE
LOOKS
AFTER
EACH AND
EVERY OF
HER MEN.

I'M SO
LUCKY I
ENDED
UP IN THE
SAME UNIT
AS SOME-
ONE LIKE
THIS.

...MR.
CAPTAIN!



...I CAN
PROTECT MY
FAMILY FROM
MISFORTUNE!

IF I HAVE
ENOUGH MON-
EY AND A HIGH
RANK...



...I'M
GOING TO
ACHIEVE SO
MUCH MORE
AND MAKE
MYSELF A
NAME KNOWN
FAR AND WIDE
UNTIL EVEN-
TUALY...

...I
BECOME A
COMMANDER
IN CHARGE
OF AN
ARMY!

...TO
SICKNESSES
AND DEATH.

THEY WON'T
HAVE TO
SUGGUM SO
EASILY...





I
WONDER
IF OUR
FRIENDS
IN SARYU
ARE AFRAID,
BEING
TARGETED
BY TENDOU.



I'M PUTTING
UP WITH THIS
WAR-TORN
WORLD, BUT
IT'S GOOD
FOR A SIMPLE
FISHER TO
POSSESS BIG
DREAMS.

SARYU
NATION

RYUUN-
MON
CASTLE

HURRY
UP,
GUYS!
QUICKLY
NOW!

PEOPLE
OF THE
SOUTH
ARE
PRETTY
FERO-
CIOUS.

I DON'T
KNOW.

IN TWO
OR THREE
DAYS,
THOSE
DOGS
WILL BE
ATTACK-
ING US
HERE.

SHORE
UP OUR
DEFENSES
AND
MAKE IT
SNAPPY!

SARYU
NATION
KONGOU



DAH
HA
HA
HA!

I WANT
TO GET
SOME
EXERCISE
BEFORE
THE
FIGHT!



PICK
UP
THE
FACE!

COME
ON,
WHAT'S
THE
MATTER
IF



PLEASE.
LET US
HANDLE
THESE
GOD
JONS.

LORD
KANGSOL



IF YOU
WANT MY
DAUGH-
TER,
THEN LET
THOSE
STARV-
ING
DOGS
KNOW

...THAT
WE OF THE
SOUTH ARE
NOTHING LIKE
THOSE BABY
CHICKS IN
THE CENTRAL
TERRITORY!

HMP



...THAT WON'T
BE ENOUGH TO
GIVE YOU MY
DAUGHTER'S
HAND IN
MARRIAGE.

YOU
SEEM
READY
TO HELP,
BUT...

YES,
SIR



IT'S
BELIEVED
TO BE
SAKURA.

SIR!

WHO'S
LEADING
THEM?

YOU
MEAN
TO SAY
THEY'RE
GOING
TODAY?
AREN'T
THEY
MOVING
A LITTLE
QUICKLY?

THEY'RE
GOING
BY SEA!

!!

I
HAVE A
MES-
SAGE!

THE
TENROU
ARMY IS
ALREADY
ABOARD
THIS
RAFT!



...I
SEE.

THE CHIEF
VASSAL OF
TENROU,
EH?



TEWAWO
MAYON
COMMANDER
SAKURA



EVEN IF WE'RE
STEALING
THE MARCH
ON THEM, IT
SHOULD BE
FINE SO LONG
AS I DO A JOB
WELL DONE.



...GIVEN THE
CIRCUMSTANCES,
WE SHOULDN'T
HAVE ANY
TROUBLE
WITH OUR
ATTACK.

...FROM SOME
ENIGMATIC
FIGURE LIKE
YONAHIME.



NO LONGER
WILL I TAKE
ORDERS...

IF I
DON'T
DO WELL
HERE...

...I'LL
FEEL
THE
WRATH
OF MY
LORD.



THE
FOREMOST
UNIT HAS
BEGUN
TO TOUCH
DOWN ON
LAND.

HM.





THEY
SHOWED
UP FAST.

A FLEET HM.
FROM THE
SOUKAI
NATION.



WHAT?

ENEMY
REINFORCE-
MENTS
HAVE
APPEARED
AT SEA.



**SHOWER
ARROWS
DOWN
UPON
THOSE
COUNTRY
BUMPKINS!!**



WHAT
SHOULD
WE DO?

THEY'RE
CRAZY IF
THEY'RE
THINKING
OF PITTING
THOSE PUNY
BOATS
AGAINST
OUR MIGHTY
SHIPS.



HERE
THEY
COME!



THEY
UNDER-
ESTI-
MATE
OUR
SPEED!

THEY
WON'T
ALL
HIT!



アッ



**BRING
THE SHIP
CLOSER
TO THE
ENEMY
FLEET!**



**COMMANDER
SAKUZAI!
THE
ENEMY'S
SPEED
IS OUT
OF THE
ORDINARY!**

**THEY'VE
MANAGED
TO MAKE IT
PAST THE
SHOWER OF
ARROWS!**

....!



**SMALL AS
THEY MAY
BE, THAT'S
WAY TOO
QUICK!!**















WHERE
IS HE?



WHICH SHIP
IS THE ENEMY
COMMANDER
ON?





I
KNOW
THAT.
DON'T
PANIC!

COMMANDER
SAKURA,
THE ENEMY
WEAPON
IS COMING
THIS WAY
TOO!



HOW CAN
WE FIGHT
BACK?

CURSE THOSE
SLIMY SQUID
FRIENDS FOR
MAKING A
WEAPON LIKE
THIS.

INSIDE THE
BARTHENWARE
EXTERIOR IS A
SMALL AMOUNT
OF OIL, AS
WELL AS THE
BLOOD AND
BONES OF A
SEA MONSTER.







YOUR
HEAD ...

...IS
MINE !!



I
TAKE IT
YOU'RE
THE
FAMOUS
COMMANDER.



DON'T
UNDER-
ESTI-
MATE
ME!

ARE YOU
JUST A
LOWLY
PRIVATE?



IT
APPEARS
YOU
HAVE
SOME
SKILL.

.....



WOW!



THAT'S
WHERE I
HONED MY
SKILL!!!

IN ITS
DEPTHS
WAS A
NEST OF
SEA MON-
STERS.

THERE
WAS A
CAVE
NEAR MY
VILLAGE.



FALCON
SHEEP !!

SOIT?

!!









WOOT!
MERRY
ME,
CAPTAIN!

YOU
DID IT!
WHAT A
WIN!!

THE
COM-
MAND-
ER...

WHA
...



MEANWHILE,
THE
ADVANCED
UNIT OF
THE TERROR
ARMY THAT
HAD MADE
LANDFALL...

HMPH
!!



THIS
IS THE
NIGHT OF
BARFAN,
YOU
WHELP!

...WAS UNDER
ATTACK BY
KONGOL, WHICH
AND CAME
OUT FROM HIS
DEFENSIVE
POSITION AT
SULLIMON
CASTLE.

DAH
HA
HA!



UWA-
AAAH!

EE!



DRIVE OFF
THESE
GOONS
WHO DIDN'T
KNOW WHAT
THEY WERE
GETTING
INTO WHEN
THEY MADE
LANDFALL!

GO!!



SINCE
NO MORE
FOLLOW-UP
FORCES ARE
TOUCHING
DOWN ON
LAND, WE
CAN PUSH
THROUGH.

ALL
RIGHTY
THEN.



THE
SOUKAI
NATION
REALLY
SAVED OUR
BUTTS THIS
TIME.



THE FENGLU ARMY HAD ATTEMPTED TO ADVANCE TO THE SOUTH, BUT WERE DEFEATED BY THE SAKUAI AND SOKUAI'S ALLIED FORCES. SAKUAI DIED IN THE BATTLE.





DESPITE
HIS DEMISE,
HE WAS STILL
THE CHIEF
WARRIOR OF
TENROU.



WE
CANNOT
BRING
DOWN
RYUKMON
CASTLE
WITH JUST
THE FEW
OF US.

WHAT
SHALL
WE DO,
COM-
MANDER
YOMI-
HIME?



I WILL
TRY TO
RETRIEVE
SIR
SANKI'S
HEAD.

PREPARE
TO MAKE
OUR RE-
TREAT.





WE
KILLED
ALMOST
ALL OF
THEM.

AAALL
RIGHT.





PHEN.

THE GOLD OF
THE OCEAN
FEELS GOOD,
BUT...

TENDOU ARMY
COMMANDER
YOMIHIME

...I DON'T
LIKE HOW
DARK THE
SEAFLOOR
IS.



I SMELL
SIR
SAKURA.

LOOKS
LIKE I'LL
ACHIEVED
MY
GOAL.



STAY
BACK!



CUT
HER
DOWN
!!



SHE'S
WITH THE
TENROU
NATION!













OWAAAAH!!



I HAVE
FAMILY

...

...
WAIT-
ING
FOR
ME!!



!?



I
CAN'T
DIE
HERE!!



...FALCON
SWEEP



I
SAW THAT
TECHNIQUE
IN MY FIGHT
EARLIER!!

I CAN
DEFLECT
IT...



...MONSTER
IS SHE...?

WH...WHAT
KIND OF...

GLUH!

AH!





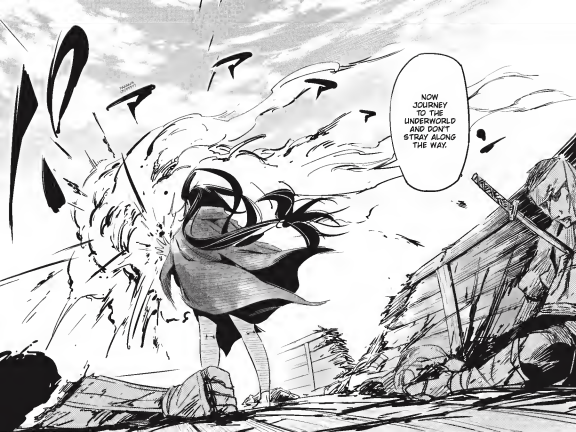
YOU
WERE A
STRONG

FIGHTER.

IF YOU
HADN'T MET
ME, YOU
PROBABLY
WOULD'VE
GONE
PLACES.



HINA... TAMA



NOW
JOURNEY
TO THE
UNDERWORLD
AND DON'T
STRAY ALONG
THE WAY.





THIS IS
THE FIRST
TIME...

—I'VE BEEN
INJURED IN
BATTLE.

AND THE
ARMY'S
FIRST
CRUSHING
DEFEAT IN
A WHILE.



IT MIGHT BE
IN SIGHT BUT
STILL A LONG
WAYS OFF.

TENROU'S PATH
TO UNIFYING ALL
THE NATIONS...



THE
REGION'S
MAP
SHORING
THEIR
SCOPE OF
INFLUENCE
DON'T
CHANGE
MUCH...

...AND
BEGIN
POURING
THEIR
EFFORTS
INTO
INTERNAL
AFFAIRS OF
THEIR
TERRITORY.

THE
TENROU
ARMY
RET-
RELATED



...OVER THE COURSE OF THE NEXT TEN YEARS.



HEEY!

SOUNGAI
NATION
YABUNAMI
VILLAGE

ANNA-
TAAAA!









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Translation Notes

Page 13

Issade is a mythical shark-like demon sea monster with a barbed tail fin.

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What Hinowa has prepared is called *nanawa*, a style of preparing fish (mincing and pounding it and then serving it as a cake) that is very much like tartare.

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Tensu is a name meaning "heaven wolf" and the Japanese name for the Sirius (Canis Major) constellation. Also known as the "dog star," this is why the shipmen derogatorily refer to Tensu nationals as "dogs."

Ryusawa is spelled with characters that mean "dragon gate"—an appropriate name for the gate that leads to the rest of the Tensu Nation's conquest.

The name of Hinowa's country, *Soshei*, means "blue sea" and reflects her countrymen who are sea-based fishermen and ship experts.

The third nation, *Sarysa*, is a name that means "land dragon," leaving the impression that all three realms—sky, sea, and land—have been covered by these three nations.

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